the persons whose names have been registered in the employment exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The number of registration and placement of job-seekers made by the employment exchanges each year during the last 5 years (1995-99) is furnished in Annexure. *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 63].

(c) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive in regions charactgerised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment. A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has been set up to look into the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million jobs in a period of 10 years (Ten Million in each year). The above mentioned steps will also be of benefit to those who were registered with the employment exchanges.

Statistics of child labour

2361. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have exact statistics of total child labour working in the country; and

(b) how many children have already been brought to the school after the implementation of various programmes for child labour elimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million

(b) Under the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) Special Schools/Centres are being run for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work. 91 child labour projects are under implementaton, in 10 child labour endemic States, for coverage of 1.9 lakh children, as per information received from 21 NCLPs about 13,500 children have been mainstreamed into formal Schools, so far.